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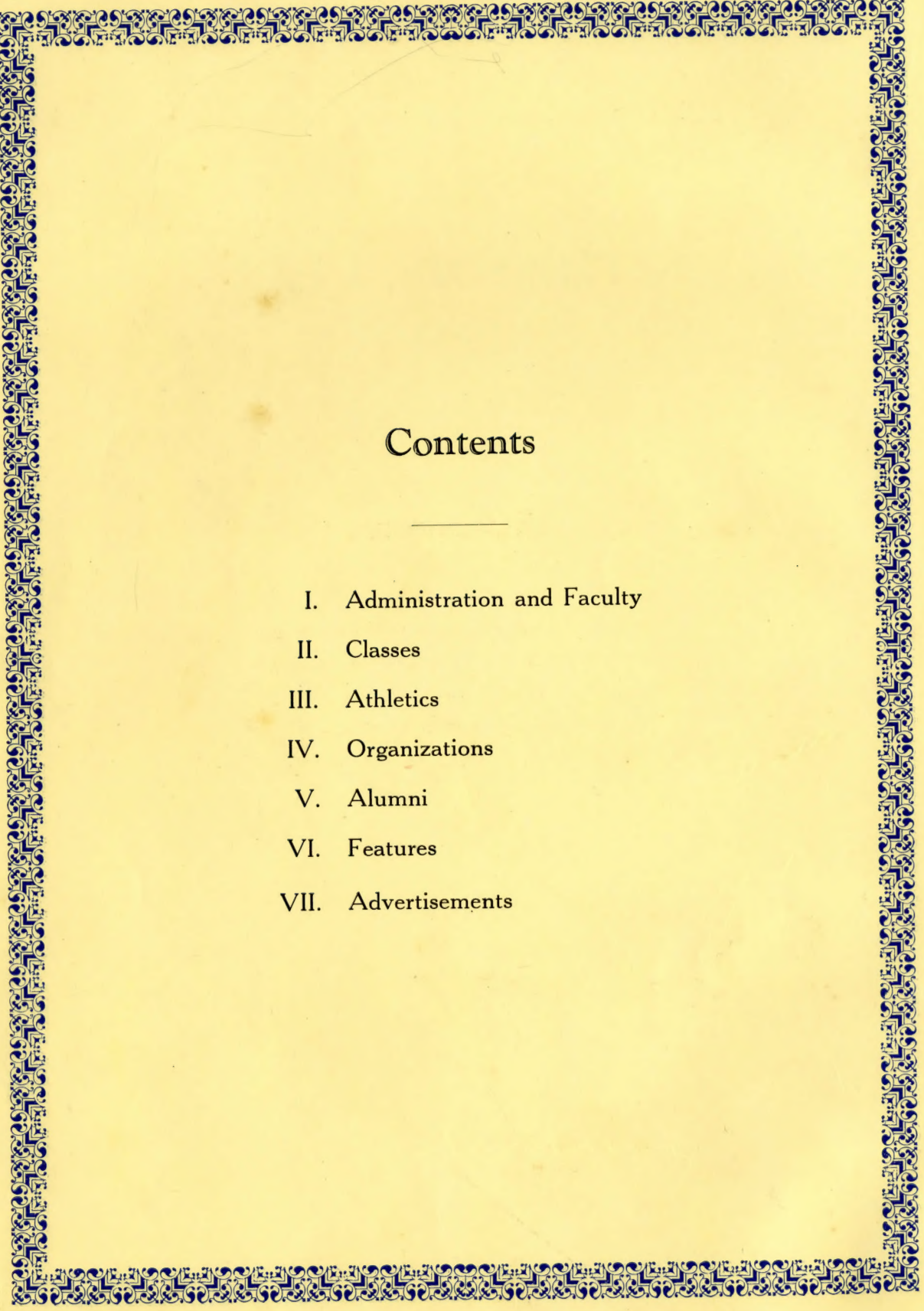
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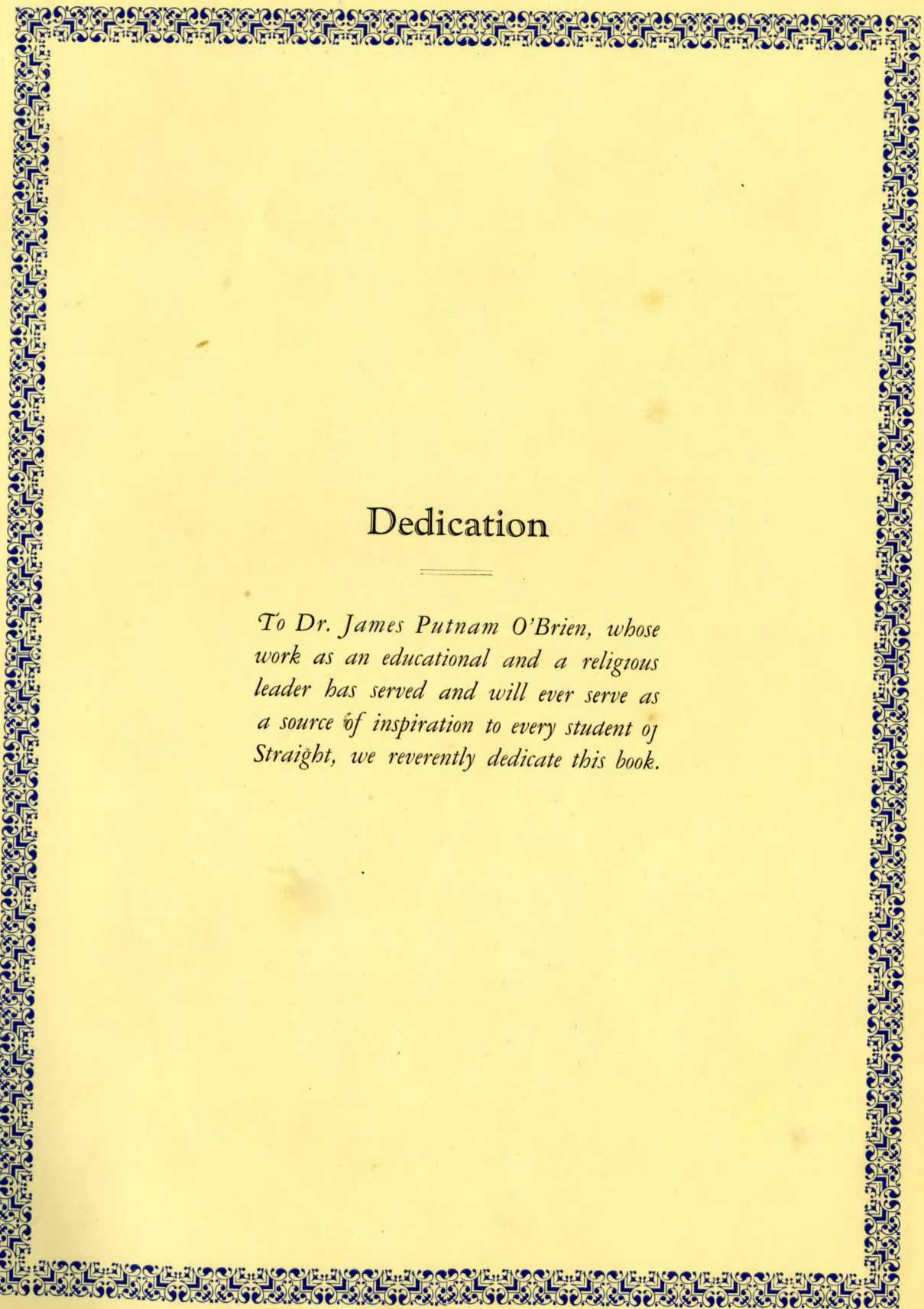


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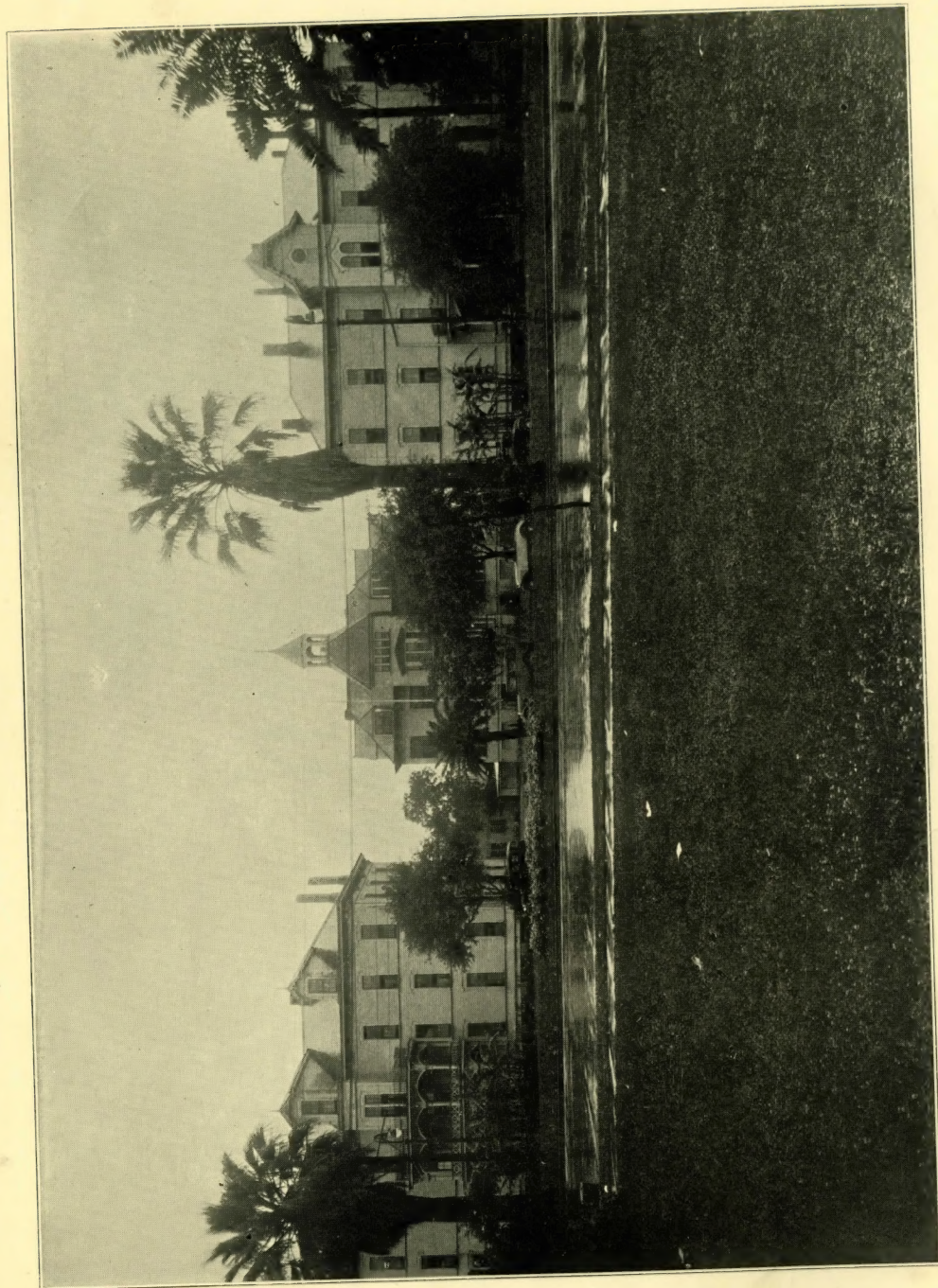
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## Dedication

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*To Dr. James Putnam O'Brien, whose  
work as an educational and a religious  
leader has served and will ever serve as  
a source of inspiration to every student of  
Straight, we reverently dedicate this book.*

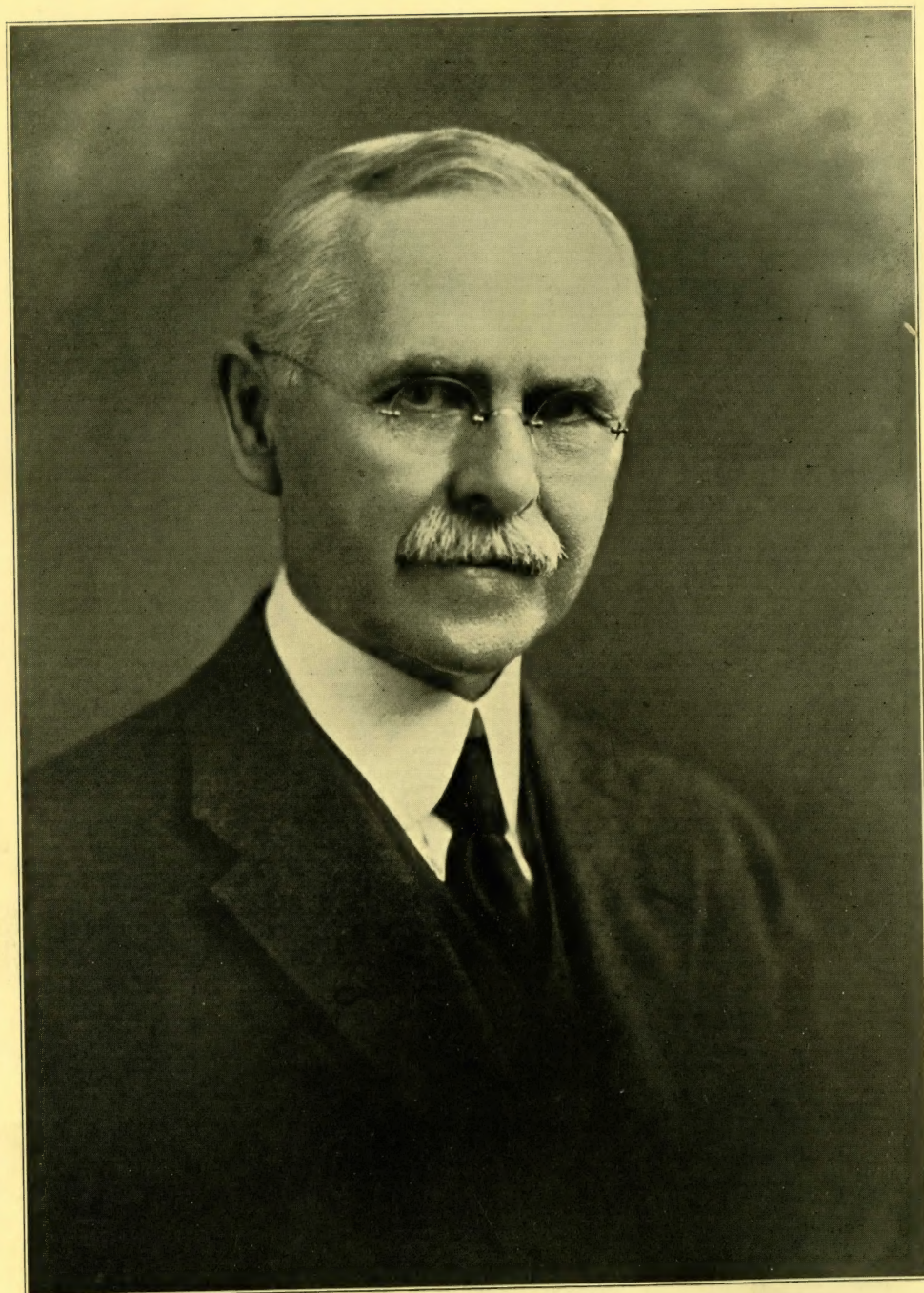




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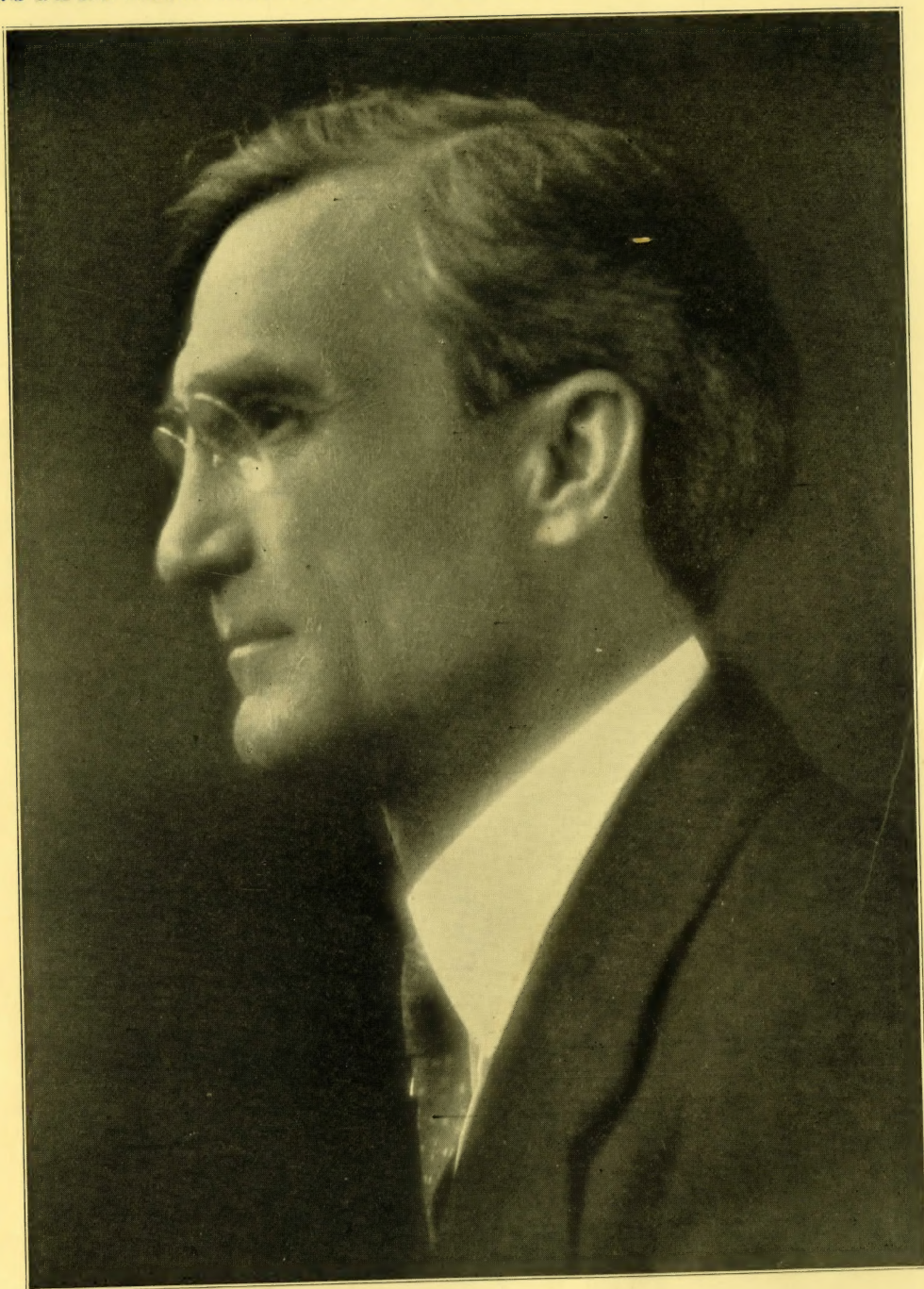
## REV. JAMES PUTNAM O'BRIEN

B. A., Oberlin; D. D., Drury College; D. D., Kansas City University.  
President Straight College, 1922 to 1931.

I am sure we all realize what a close gripping connection President O'Brien had with us, what an important position he occupied in our affairs and surroundings; how well he had woven himself into our hearts by his genuine, frank personality that was founded upon sound, clear-cut, Christ-like principles. How fortunate for us that we had such a character in our midst, for indeed the contact he offered cannot be overvalued. We cannot go wrong if we even accept him as our ideal. Let us always remember his New Year's message to us:

"Look forward, not back;  
Look up and not down;  
Look out and not in."





CHARLES BURGESS AUSTIN,  
Acting President.

A. B., A. M., University of Indiana; Fellow and Assistant, School of Economics, University of Wisconsin; Graduate student in Sociology, Columbia University; Head of Division of Public Welfare, Department of Extension, University of Texas. Teaching connections—Grinnell College, Hunter College of City of New York. Member of the Administrative Committee of The American Missionary Association. Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Dillard University.

Although Mr. Austin has been with us only a short while, his genial personality has won for him the admiration, good will, and respect of us all.



LUDWIG THORSTEN LARSEN

B. A. and M. A., Olivet; Sometime Fellow University of Michigan. Graduate Studies, University of Michigan. Dean, and Professor of Psychology.

Dean Larsen has been Dean for eight years and a professor for nine years. He has the honor of being one of the best-liked professors in the college. He is patient, persistent, and painstaking. He is endowed with a keen, penetrating intellect, and has the gift of gaining information through shrewd questioning. He has a store of information and stories which he uses as one means to make his students think. One of his favorite injunctions is "Business during business hours."

The students of Straight College would be utterly lost without the Dean's presence in the halls and on the campus.





MINERVA M. SPARROW

B. A., Mount Holyoke; M. A., Middlebury College; Graduate Work at Harvard, Radcliffe, and Middlebury. Professor of English.

"Be specific" is her pet expression, which the freshmen often expect with a little sudden smile that is well known. The "ready for work" yet pleasant attitude of Miss Sparrow is responsible for the high standard maintained in English at Straight College. Outside of class periods you will always find her willing to give any help that is desired by the students.

EMILY W. NICHOLS

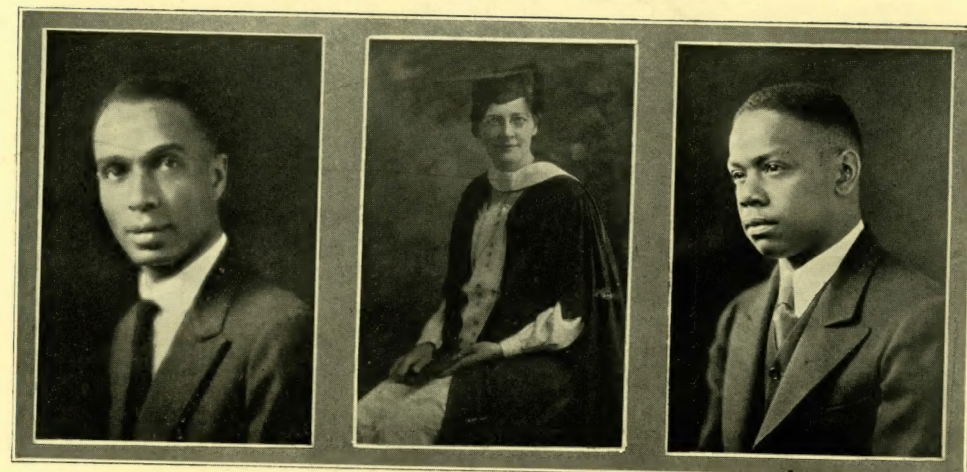
Graduate of New York State Normal; Advance Work at Cornell University. Professor of Education.

"Once a friend, always a friend." Miss Nichols has the interests of all the students at heart, and believes in giving all a chance. She is an individual who talks little and does much, and so great is her influence that wherever any worthwhile project is put over, you can rest assured that Miss Nichols had a hand in it.

ANNA MARIE HANSEN

Graduate of LaVerne College of Expression; Graduate Studies: Columbia College of Expression, Los Angeles College of Fine Arts, Chicago Art Institute. Assistant Professor of English. Instructor of Art Appreciation.

A woman of quiet dignity, a lover of art and beauty—this is Miss Hansen. Her motto seems to be peace and order inside the classroom and out. After leaving her Argumentation class, all the students are able to display efficiently their knowledge of parliamentary law and public speaking.



RAYMOND E. LEE

B. A., Ohio Wesleyan; Graduate Studies at Ohio State University and Sorbonne, Paris, France. Professor of Romance Languages.

"Still water runs deep." This is a trite old expression which takes on a new and vigorous meaning when it is applied to Mr. Lee. He is a quiet, immaculate gentleman with a keen sense of humor, one of the few people I know who can be humorous and still give good advice which will stick.

MINNIE GRACE REITNOUER

B. A., Wheaton; M. A., University of Southern California; Graduate Moody Bible Institute; Professor of Biology.

During the years that this instructor has been at Straight she has brought the Biology Department to a high standard of efficiency. Besides being dearly in love with "Mother Nature" and her children, she is ever ready to give her students some simple, earnest advice which helps them along better than all the books they might read.

DORSEY L. MORGAN

B. S., Howard University; Graduate Studies, University of Chicago. Acting Professor of Mathematics and Physics.

Mr. Morgan is one of the most natural persons imaginable. He is never afraid to say, "I do not know"—, and is as lively as a cricket. To see him walking briskly up the walk and hear his gay whistle, one would think that he had not a trouble in the world. His classes are always lively.





WILLIAM A. HARRIS

B. A., Talladega College; Graduate work at University of Chicago and Iowa State University. Professor of Chemistry.

Prof. Harris is a staunch lover of the science of atoms and molecules, and does his best to interest his students in that subject. He also enjoys an intimate comradeship with nearly every boy on the campus. Football, basketball, baseball, tennis, horseshoes—anything we play, he is in it with his whole heart. The boys especially admire him for his ability to win any "gusty" argument he enters.

REV. NORMAN A. HOLMES

B. A., Lincoln University; B. D., Oberlin; Graduate work at Oberlin College, Columbia University, and New York School of Social Work.

Rev. Holmes, Professor of Religious Education, is also pastor of Central Congregational Church of this City. As a result of his energetic spirit, keen insight, and liberal attitude, his classes respond almost as a man to his teachings. His hearty laugh and cheery whistle along with his willing spirit and open mind make him well liked on the campus and in the city.

ROSALIE TRAIL

B. A. and M. A., University of Nebraska. Phi Beta Kappa.  
Instructor in High School.

To see her is not to know her, but through close friendship you can learn her real qualities. We do not see much of her, but we know that she is true to her profession and conscientious in her work.



EDWARD M. COLEMAN

B. A., Talladega; M. A., Iowa State University; Graduate work at University of Chicago and Oberlin. Professor of History.

Mr. Coleman has the rare ability of combining humor and history, but he always makes it very evident that history is paramount and not humor. Any aspiring young collegian who tries to augment his scanty knowledge of historical facts with imagination is sure to earn a few pennies in Prof. Coleman's room. He is never cross or hard to get along with, but any student who lags in his work will be sure to be promised a very significant "Meeting at Philippi."

FRANCES YOUNG MICHEL

B. A., Mount Holyoke; Graduate work at Yale. Assistant Professor of Biological Science

Miss Michel is a true and sincere friend to all her students. In each contact she endeavors to instill in the hearts of those whom she serves a message of love and kindness towards their fellowmen. There is nothing ostentatious about her. Her manner and voice are subdued and modest, but there is a vibrant quality in her personality which has succeeded in bringing to light many good students who, like plants in the darkness, grew but sparingly. We all regret that she was transferred to Le Moyne College this last quarter.

REV. WALTER T. BANKS

B. A., Talladega College; B. D., Chicago Theological Seminary. Graduate Studies, University of Chicago. Acting Professor of Social Sciences.

Mr. Banks has a store of valuable information on social problems, which he is always willing to impart to any who seek such knowledge. His ready wit has endeared him to the students and faculty. Ask any of the freshmen why they cut their Sunday School class, and they will tell you that they wanted to go to Mr. Banks' class.





EARL R. MOSES

B. A., Oberlin. Absent on Leave.

Mr. Moses is completing his second year of graduate studies at Chicago University. It is hoped that he will return to Straight in the near future to give us the benefit of his advanced preparation.

Mrs. Marjory Banks Moses, B. S., Straight College, is also on a leave of absence to pursue graduate studies at Chicago University.

BERTHA C. BIGNEY

Graduate Mt. Allison Conservatory of Music; Advance Studies at University of Colorado, Boston University. Pupil of Felix Fox. Director of Department of Music. Professor of Music.

A very quiet and dignified little person is Miss Bigney. Music is all her thought, and her heart is wrapped up in her courses of harmony and music appreciation. The development of the Straight College Orchestra appears to be her highest ambition at present.

ALICE WARD SMITH

B. A., University of Washington; Graduate Studies at New York School of Social Work and at Columbia University. Instructor of Home Economics.

Miss Smith, during the four years she has been at Straight College, has really organized for us a first-class domestic science department. Precision and exactness are her particular characteristics. She appears to enjoy especially the company of the boys, and they keep her cooking.



LYGIA SAULNY

Assistant in Treasurer's Office

Everyone knows Lygia, both students and teachers, and they all like her snappy, jolly little person who is forever busy in the office.

MARGUERITE DIXON

Acting Treasurer.

Miss Dixon has a keen sense of humor that has greatly helped her in keeping on the good side of students, especially those who fail to pay their bills. Kind, patient, understanding, and sympathetic, she has won her way into the hearts of all. "To know her is to love her."

FLORENCE G. WISWALL

Th. B., Gordon College. Registrar, Secretary to the Dean.

Miss Wiswall is always busy—checking up attendances, taking notes, or timing the bell. When she meets you in the halls, she smiles brightly and with a cheery "Good morning," passes on, but in the evenings she is quite willing to stop and chat. Undoubtedly her motto is, "Work first, and play afterwards."





ARTHUR NATHAN REITNOUER

Graduate Conwell Academy; Advance Studies at University of Southern California.

To know Mr. Reitnouer you will need to consult either the shop boys, or the football squad, for only they have the intimate relationship that brings one's deepest self to the surface. However, we are quite assured that he employs a real system in producing such splendid work and "Woodsmen."

BEATRICE E. WEST

B. A., Wheaton College (Mass.); Graduate work at Harvard.  
Instructor in English.

No one dares to say "ain't" in her presence. She is a staunch, loyal friend; and is always deeply interested in any student project that is being sponsored, especially in the high school department.

RITA HOLT ALEXIS

Graduate Normal, Straight College. Graduate Gregg School of Commerce. Advance Studies at LaSalle Extension University, Chicago. Instructor in Commercial Courses.

Another energetic and untiring worker is Mrs. Alexis. The Senior High School class would be lost without her advice and ever ready efforts which carry them through the year. Whenever we need money, it is Mrs. Alexis to whom we always turn, because her originality in putting over plays and dances draws the largest audience.



ROZELLA E. JOHNSON

B. A., Indiana University. Instructor in History.

Miss Johnson rarely smiles, but we all know that she has a rare sense of humor. The very fact that she does not accompany them with a smile seems to enrich her witty sayings. Undoubtedly she is a good teacher, for her pupils have worn a path to the library doing research work for "Miss Johnson."

HERBERT C. ROBERTS

B. A., Oberlin. Instructor in Romance Languages.

Mr. Roberts is as accomplished in music as he is in languages, for he plays both piano and violin.

LOUISE J. FALLS

B. A., Benedict College; Graduate work at University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University. Instructor in High School Mathematics.

Miss Falls is one whom the students love because she can make mathematics pleasant and almost easy. It is our opinion that anyone who can make mathematics pleasant deserves everybody's love. She is never flustered or hurried, but you may be sure that when she's supposed to be in a certain place at a certain time, she is there.





WILLIAM MAYNARD ALLEN

B. A., Colgate University. Instructor in High School Science.

Mr. Allen rarely hurries, even in his speech, but always seems to be in the midst of things. From the groans issuing from his pupils, he must be a competent teacher. He evidently believes in doing everything well, for he is undoubtedly a unique dancer.

JANIE L. MCDANIEL

A. B., Tusculum College. Graduate work at University of North Carolina. Librarian.

Miss McDaniels is one of the most impartial persons on the campus. No one has been able to dodge a fine yet. We congratulate you, Miss McDaniel, on your fine business sense. We all respect Miss McDaniel and appreciate the improvements she has made in the library.

MRS. HARRIET P. WASHINGTON

Studied at Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes. Instructor in Domestic Arts.

Mrs. Washington is the sympathetic, understanding, and motherly type of person, ever ready to lend a helping hand to her girls—those poor unfortunates who always get the left sleeves into the right arm holes and whose circular skirts have a seasick look. Moreover, she finds time to drop a bit of kindly advice to the girls concerning their speech, manner, and dress; thus we, of Straight College feel that we have found a life-long friend in Mrs. Washington.



MRS. ANNIE F. DAVIS

B. A., Straight College. Acting Director of Night School.  
Instructor in the Junior High School.

Mrs. Davis is noted for her cheerful conscientious, energetic spirit. No worthwhile project is too large or too insignificant for her to tackle, and whatever she sponsors is sure to be successful. She has gained numerous friends for Straight and for herself through her pleasing personality.

MALCOLM LESTER BRADEN

B. S., Howard University. Director of Physical Education.

Mr. Braden is one of the busiest men on the campus during football season. He has shown by his activities that he is especially fond of good football, and good football players. He has the honor of being the first coach to introduce Straight to interscholastic baseball games for girls.

MRS. ROSE SMITH LODER

Mus. B., Talladega College. Graduate work at Oberlin Conservatory of Music.  
Instructor of Choral Music and Piano.

Since Mrs. Loder joined the faculty, a noticeable change has been observed in the Musical Department. Under her guidance the Glee Clubs, Choir, and other musical organizations have made more rapid strides this year than in any other previous year. Besides being the possessor of a rich voice, she has many friends all over the city, drawn to her by her radiant personality.





MRS. ANNA R. SPOTTSWOOD  
Preceptress of Stone Hall.

Throughout the ten years Mrs. Spottswood has been at Straight College she has proved herself a kind and faithful worker. Notwithstanding the fact that she enforces her rules sternly, every student knows that she will lend a sympathetic ear to any of his troubles, and will aid in any way she possibly can. I am sure Straight College has never had a better nurse than she has proved to be—ever ready to sit by her patient's bedside, ever anxious to be of service. All of us love her.

ALBERTA V. GREENE  
B. S., Boston University. Instructor in Latin.

Miss Greene came to us this year, bringing with her a contagious cheerfulness. She is a competent teacher, although she does not attempt to "show off" her ability. Her motto is, "Smile and the world will smile with you."

MRS. PRISCILLA AUBRY  
Matron of Dining-Hall.

Mrs. Aubry has proved herself an able and willing worker during the three years she has served as matron. She has endeared herself to us through her sympathetic attitude.



LYDIA EDGERLY  
B. A., Mount Holyoke College; Graduate Studies at Newton Theological Institute.  
Principal of Junior High School. Instructor in English.

Keen, alert, everywhere, Miss Edgerly is always on the job, finding plenty to do. She believes in everything being in order and on time.

IRMA E. KINGSLEY  
B. A., Talladega College. Graduate work at the University of Chicago.  
Instructor of Junior High School Mathematics.

There is a certain something about Miss Kingsley that makes her loved by all the students, especially the dormitory girls, because she is never too tired or too busy to escort them to the movies. Miss Kingsley has done much to put into effect the new program of the Straight College Junior High School.

LILLY BELLE FROST  
B. A., Straight College. Instructor in Science.

Miss Frost is another one of our graduates, who is fulfilling the motto, "make good." As a young teacher she seems to possess all the qualities that breed success. She seems to be very much in harmony with her situation and is loved by all the students of the Junior High School.





MARGARET ELIZABETH McBRIDE

B. A., Western College for Women; M. A., Oberlin College; Boston University School of Religious Education and Social Service, 1922-1924; Chicago Theological Seminary, Summer Quarter, 1927. Y. W. C. A. Secretary, four years; Church Secretary, seven years; Teacher in high school and week-day school of religion, eight years. At present Secretary to the President.

HOWARD B. WAXWOOD, JR.  
B. S., Rutgers. Absent on Leave.

Mr. Waxwood is at present doing graduate work at Chicago University.

VIRGINIA U. GAY  
Graduate in Music from Illinois Wesleyan University. Instructor in Music.

"Pretty is as pretty does." This maxim suits Miss Gay perfectly. Her sweet disposition and soft voice added to her physical beauty create quite a charming personality. Miss Gay has proved herself a capable instructor.

JUANITA WILKINS  
B. S., Straight College. Instructor in Night School.

Miss Wilkins is another one of our graduates who is doing splendid work. Her untiring efforts and conscientious attitude contribute much to the efficiency of our night school department.

LOUIS DAWSON  
Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings.

Mr. Dawson is the man whom we expect to see painting or putting a board somewhere the hour before Straight ceases to be. His industrious efforts keep the grounds always neat and in good order.

MRS. BERTHA RUTHERFORD  
Graduate in Domestic Science.

Our beloved chief chef. Mrs. Rutherford deserves much credit for having served us faithfully for twenty-five years. Because of her interest and motherly attitude we have given her the title of "Ma." She and her co-workers are always ready to help us in any way they can.







#### ALTON EDWARD LEAR

New Orleans, La. Straight High School. Editor of Crimson Tide. Dramatics '29-'30. Class President. Secretary Athletic Association '30. Science Club '29-'30. Candidate for B. S. in Chemistry.



#### RUTH L. ROBERTSON "Mother Dear"

New Iberia, La. Straight High School. One with a personality like Ruth's is hard to find. She is kind and tender with a deep understanding of human nature, having "good sense, which only is the gift of heaven." Secretary-Treasurer of Senior Class; Council; Y. W. C. A.; assistant matron; candidate for B. A. in Social Science.

#### GEORGE LEE MILLER "Bud"

New Orleans, La. McDonogh 35 Hi. He is a swell guy, always smiling and gay. Bud is also a student of excellent quality and of rank. It is hoped that he "shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what is considered the most enviable of all titles, the character of an 'Honest Man'." Member of Varsity; Candidate for B. A. in History and Political Science.



#### AUGUSTUS BARON ROSE "Gus"

New Orleans, La. McDonogh 35 Hi. Perseverance is his chief trait. He does not know when he is whipped. "In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no such word as fail." Y. M. C. A.; Candidate for B. A. in Social Science.

#### ALVA MIRANDA HOOKER "Sandino"

Bluefield, Nicaragua. Moravian High School. A slumberous-eyed senorita who has the heart of Spain but the common sense of America. As changeable as the waters of the sea; yet "with smiles that display mannerisms that only Donnas can express." Y. W. C. A.; Candidate for B. A. in Social Science.



#### ALBERT LEONARD FRANKLIN "Bell-ringer"

New Orleans, La. Straight High School. A student who fills each moment with something useful. "He has a work, a life purpose; he has found it and will follow it." Orchestra. Candidate for B. S. in Biological Science.

#### ETHEL RUTH CARTER

New Orleans, La. Straight Normal. Quiet, petite to the observer, but to those that know her better she is as gay as birds in Spring. Teacher in city schools. Candidate for B. A. in Education.

#### EDGAR N. WHITE, JR. "Speedy"

New Orleans. McDonogh 35 Hi. Like the slumberous fires of a volcano ready to burst into flame when awakened; one whose friendship is much in demand; a person of mystery "for times he is open, so one thinks, like a readable book, but at other times retired within himself." Athletics; Athletic Board of Control '30-'31; Secretary-Treasurer Athletic Association '30-'31; Crimson Tide. Candidate for B. S. in Biological Science.

#### JONAS HENDERSON, JR. "Ole Jo"

New Iberia, La. Straight High School. Smiling, singing Jo goes through life dropping sunshine here and there. He makes us believe that after all clouds do have a silvery lining. His "tender smile is our sorrow's balm and his songs have power to quiet the restless pulse of care." Athletics; Dramatics; Music; President Athletic Association '30-'31; Candidate for B. A. in Social Science.

#### SAMUEL E. HAYWARD

New Orleans, La. Straight High School. Mr. Hayward is seldom seen, and but seldom heard from. Yet his character has so impressed us that we believe "none but himself can be his parallel." Music. Candidate for B. A. in Education.

#### INEZ LABAT

Bay St. Louis, Miss. Straight Normal. A diligent worker who knows that "whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Teacher in the city schools. Candidate for B. A. in Education.

#### ALEXANDER ARTHUR TUCKER

Schriever, La. Straight High School. Our ideal of the modern business man. Tucker feels that "it is better to wear out than to rust out." Business Manager of Crimson Courier. Candidate for B. A. in History.







GRETCHEN RICH

Warsaw, North Carolina. Straight High School.

She has a natural sweetness of disposition which brings to her many friends. Few, if any, have ever seen Gretchen in a mood of anger. Her countenance seems to express beautifully a deep interest in all things good.

Member of Y. W. C. A. Candidate for B. A. in Domestic Science.

ANNETTE FLORENCE JONES

Candidate for B. A. degree.

EDGAR LINDSEY, JR.  
Candidate for the B. A. degree.

ALICE ANN LEGER  
Candidate for the B. S. degree.

## JUNIORS





**BENSON MEADE BOUTTE**

New Orleans, La. Biological Science. Crimson Courier.  
Head Printing Department.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

**JERRY HARRISON COLEMAN**

Pritchard, Ala. Biological Science. Student League.  
Les Alibamouts. Council. Class Vice-President.

"Not to rust unburnished, but to shine in use."

**EMMA ADA CONWAY**

New Orleans, La. Education.

"Everybody's friend, nobody's enemy."

**WELLINGTON HANNIBAL COSTON**

Morgan City, La. Biological Science. Orchestra. Y.  
M. C. A.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

**MACEO CHARLES DENIS**

Pass Christian, Miss. Biological Science. Choir.

"Life's greatest joys are fruits of sacrifices."

**ALVIN JOSEPH DUGAS**

New Orleans, La. Chemistry. President Student League.  
Chairman Council. Dramatics. Crimson Tide. President

Athletic Association '29-'30. Varsity '29-'30-'31. Track.

"As a man thinketh, so is he."

**CLIFTON GRANISON DYSON**

Lake Providence, La. Chemistry. Student League.  
Captain of Varsity. Quartette. Choir.

"Know thy work and do it."

**ROMEO BENJAMIN GARRETT**

New Orleans, La. Social Science. Debate.

"How far that little candle throws his beams!

So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

**JAMES A. GAYLE**

New Orleans, La. Chemistry. Dramatics.

"There's not a joy the world can give like that it takes  
away."

**WILLIAM JAMES LANDRY**

New Orleans, La. History. Orchestra. Quartette.  
Octette.

"Service, the key to the successful life."

**CLARENCE LAWS**

Lake Charles, La. History. Tennis. Athletic Associa-  
tion '28-'29.

"Be noble! and the nobleness that lies in other men  
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

**BERNARD THIRKIELD LEAR**

New Orleans, La. Political Science. Debate. Custodian  
Athletic Association '30.

"Life is real. Life is earnest."







**ALBERT RENE GELMAIN**

New Orleans, La. Biological Science. Sociology Club.  
Crimson Courier. Crimson Tide.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

**HILNER VIVIAN CONNOR**

Vicksburg, Miss. Mathematics. Debate. Y. W. C. A.  
Class President.

"Perseverance conquers all things."

**HENRY CECIL WELCOME**

La Ceiba, Honduras. Chemistry. Student League Council.  
Debate. Class Secretary-Treasurer.  
"Frankness is an enemy to deceit."

**JOHN ARMSTRONG**

New Orleans, La. Biological Science. Crimson Courier.  
"Up lad; when the journey's over, there'll be time enough  
to sleep."

**FERDINAND THEODORE BECHET**

New Orleans, La. Chemistry. Dramatics.  
"Build for honor and not for fame."

**ALTHEA MURIEL BELLAMY**

New Orleans, La. Music. Orchestra.  
"Music hath charms."

**ANDREW MARQUEZ**

New Orleans, La. Chemistry. Science Club.  
"To thine own self be true, then thou canst not be  
false to any man."

**CLARENCE JOSEPH McGIVENS**

Chicago, Ill. Mathematics. Crimson Courier. Crimson  
Tide. Debate.

"This is my work, my blessing; not my doom."

**BENJAMIN AUGUSTUS MILLS**

Port Arthur, Tex. Education. Superintendent of Sun-  
day School. Y. M. C. A.

"Give every man thine ear, and few thy voice."

**ELLA LEE ROBERTS**

Clarksville, Tenn. Education. Sociology Club. Debate.  
Y. W. C. A.

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,  
Or what's a heaven for."

**LESTER JOSEPH TAYLOR**

New Orleans, La. Biological Science. Track.  
"Men are not judged by what they say, but by what they  
do."

**MAURICE SHERMAN THOMAS**

New Orleans, La. Biological Science. Orchestra. Glee  
Club.

"The man who leads the flock must fight the wolf."







ROY JOSEPH WEEMS

Alexandria, La. Biological Science. Athletics.  
 "The human body is the most important mechanism of life."

EMMA EVELYN TODD

Poplarville, Miss. Music. Sextette. Glee Club.  
 "The elevator to success is not running; take the stairs."

OTHER JUNIORS

MAMIE LeBOEUF

ROSE ESTELLE REMY

THELMA CORINNE SERAILE

SOPHOMORES





**CHARLES FRANKLIN**  
New Orleans, La. Class President. Science Club. Track.  
Orchestra.  
"A future rival of Einstein."

**LEON WALLACE ("Reggy")**  
Decatur, Ala. Vice-President. Choir. Octette. Les  
Alibamouts.  
"Our future star of the talkies."

**MYRTLE CHENIER**  
Opelousas, La. Class Secretary. Sec. of S. S. Y. W.  
C. A. Sextette. Crimson Courier.  
"A perfect friend."

**LEWIS ALLEN ("Firpo")**  
Athens, Ala. Track. Les Alibamouts. Crimson Courier.  
Crimson Tide.  
"A man with high ambitions."

**GLADYS LEWIS**  
New Orleans, La.  
"A girl with a pleasing personality."

**SEDONIA CAMMACK**  
New Orleans, La.  
"Still water runs deep."

**JOHN ESTAVAN**  
New Orleans, La.  
"A mental big-timer."

**CONSUELLA FRANKLIN**  
New Orleans, La.  
"Slow but sure."

**MARJORY OUBRE**  
New Orleans, La.  
"Beware of her smile and eyes."

**CLEVELAND SMITH ("Capt.")**  
New Orleans, La. Crimson Courier.  
Student Council.  
Octette. Student League.  
"An able man."

**JAMES PATTERSON**  
Monroe, La. Y. M. C. A.  
"He's most likely to succeed."

**ROLLO STARKS ("Teedy")**  
Alexandria, La. Football.  
"A deep thinker."







WEENONIE THOMPSON  
New Orleans, La. Dramatics.  
"A little girl with big ideas."

CONRAD WALDEN ("King")  
Richmond, Va. Football.  
"Debating is a joy."

RELL PIERCE  
New Orleans, La. Debating Club. Girls' Glee Club.  
Crimson Courier.  
"The nightingale's rival."

JAMES HAULSEY  
New Orleans, La. Glee Club.  
"Destined to be radio's greatest treat."

MABEL FAZANDE  
New Orleans, La.  
"She's very interested in her work."

OTHER SOPHOMORES

JOHN ROBERTS  
JOHN ROBINSON  
JOHN CONWAY

OLIVER CONWAY  
MARY DAVIS  
JEROME CARLYLE

FRESHMEN





ANDREW W. BROWN (Big Train)  
Mobile, Ala. Les Alibamouts.  
"I'm on the way."

JAMES COLLINS (Shorty)  
New Orleans, La.  
"An interesting particle of humanity."

NAOMI CYRUS (Cy)  
New Orleans, La.  
"A good advisor."

DELCINA DESVIGNES (Cina)  
New Orleans, La.  
"Miss Reticence."

VIVIAN EVANS (The Duchess)  
Mobile, Ala. Les Alibamouts.  
"It's too bad."

RUBA FALLS (Pop Eye I)  
Dallas, North Carolina.  
"Very modest in judgment."

JOSEPH FORD  
Beaumont, Tex. Football.  
"Man, you can't tell me nuthin."

GEORGE HALL (Pop Eye II)  
Mobile, Ala. Les Alibamouts.  
"Das Awright."

HENRY HALL (Hank)  
New Orleans, La.  
"I'll try anything once."

THOMAS HINDS (Stick Out)  
Mobile, Ala. Les Alibamouts.  
"Look out guy."

MAMIE HODGE (Flamin' Mamie)  
New Orleans, La.  
"It's the same thing, just different."

BERTRAND JOHNSON (Bert)  
New Orleans, La. Class President.  
"When he cuts loose, it's too bad."

IOLA JOHNSON (Giggles)  
Westwego, La. Glee Club.  
"I gotta catch that four o'clock boat."

MILDRED JOHNSON (Gully)  
Lockport, La.  
"You're too late!"

NOVELETTE KONE (Grumpy)  
Beaumont, Tex.  
"Hello Nut!"

HOMER CLYDE McEWEN (Mac)  
Jackson, Miss. Les Alibamouts.  
"Awright."







WILFORD MELTON ("Poly")  
Beaumont, Tex. Football.  
"Hello Gents!"

HAZEL NORRIS ("Haze")  
Beaumont, Tex. Choir.  
"Now listen here."

HARDY ORY ("Pom Pom")  
Edgard, La. Football.  
"Wha' say kid?"

CHESTER ROYAL ("Ches")  
New Orleans, La. Tennis.  
"I dunno."

KATIE SIMS ("Kate")  
New Iberia, La.  
"Aw Shucks."

CORINNE SMITH ("Smitty")  
New Orleans, La. Crimson Courier.  
"I was just thinking."

LOIS LUCAS ("Bo-peep")  
New Orleans, La.  
"Oh, no?"

JESSE WAGNER  
New Orleans, La.  
"She has a smile that's worth while."

MELVIN VINING  
New Orleans, La. Crimson Courier.  
"This is the way I see that thing."



#### OTHER FRESHMEN

EUGENE DESBOINE (Gene)  
CHARLES JONES (Charlie)  
BERNADINE LEVAZANT (Berna Deane)  
EDWIN NELSON (Freshie)  
ELIZABETH NETTLES (Lizzie)  
DAVID REESE (Dave)

MALISSA STEWART (Malissy)  
BOOKER WHITT (Book)  
ALMA WILLIAMS (Al)  
LUIN WILLIAMS (Lu)  
EDWARD CHERRIE (Dippy)

AURELIA LAVIZZO (Flavidula)  
THEOPHILE LAVIZZO (Te)  
ALEXANDER WALLACE (A. D.)  
SALENA WILLIAMS  
ROSE SHIEF



## Commercial and College Special Students



ETHEL LEWIS "Happy"

"It won't be long now."

No, "Happy," it won't be long now before school closes and you will be employed in an office. "Happy" wants to be her own boss.

ERNESTINE LEONORA JACKSON "Stack"

"Sleep first and work last."

"Stack" never does anything for anybody until she has had her beauty nap—no, not even for him. She is a favorite with the men as well as the ladies because of her winning personality.

BERNICE EVELYN STEEN "Hots"

"I will try anything once."

This little lady craves excitement. She enjoys sports, accidents, fires, dances, etc. Like her pal, "Stack," she is a favorite with the men, but never takes them seriously. It just doesn't pay, she says.

URSUL CHARLOTTE DESVIGNES "Greta Garbo"

"Love me once—hate me never."

"Garbo" has a wonderful gift of making lasting friends, who never cease to admire her. She has great ability and hopes to succeed as a stenographer.

MARIE LYDIA MARTIN "Billie"

"The sun is shining so why should my nose."

"Billie" is never without her vanity. She is forever powdering her nose or yelling to her play sister.

BEATRICE ALINE HEROD "Gallagher"

"Go long."

This is a dignified Miss who is determined to be the swiftest typist in the Commercial Department—and she works hard to hold that title, too. "Bea," as some call her, is as devoted to her play sister, "Billie," as she is to M. D.

## Commercial and College Special Students

VICTOR JONES "Vic"

"Let us then be up and doing."

"Vic" plays football in a fine fashion, and that's why S. C. is proud of him, and to think! he is as good in bookkeeping as he is in football. Keep striving, "Vic," and you will be a success some day.

JUANITA BRUMFIELD

Juanita is a new student, but her spirit has been of such type that all feel that she's been with us for many a year.

JAMES CHERAULT "Jimmie"

"Prof." of carpenter shop and one of the best basketball players in the city.

Basketball '29-'30-'31; football '30.

ERNEST MOUTON "Lil Red"

Mouton is much louder than his stature would indicate. Red is noted for that voice which makes him stand out in any crowd.

CHARLES STEWART "Judge"

Charles Stewart never leaves home without that smile of his.

CLINTON AIKENS "Papa"

Aikens is a conscientious fellow and a very good musician. He opened the furnace one sunny morning to see what he could find and to his surprise, he got his hair singed. O. K., papa.

### OTHER COMMERCIAL AND COLLEGE SPECIAL STUDENTS

ALEASE ALEXANDER

GLADYS BUCKSELL

GERTRUDE NATHAN

NATHIEL ROGERS

EUGENIA WATTS

THELMA BAILEY





## Senior High



DOROTHY LEANER CHARLES (Dot)  
"She sews a neat seam."

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, JR. (Daigo)  
"If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again."

MARIE LOUISE DeDEAUX (Dedo)  
"Smile through life."

BEATRICE ELLEN DUNN ("Bee")  
Girls' Glee Club.  
"A smile for everyone, a frown for none."

LILLIAN VELMA DUNN ("Baby")  
President Class 1931.  
"Believe in thee and all things are possible."

ANNA MAE FLOWERS (Anne)  
"A smile reveals a friendly nature."

## Senior High



FREDERICKA E. HART (Freddie)  
Girls' Glee Club.  
"Save your sorrows for tomorrow, for tomorrow never comes."

HELEN JUANITA LANDIX  
Girls' Glee Club.  
"He who wants the kernel must crack the shell."

GEORGE WELLINGTON LOEB  
"Success is born of resolution."

LOUIS MASPERO, JR. (Louis)  
"Wearing his wisdom lightly."

MARGUERITA ANITA PATTILLO (Pat)  
Treasurer of Class 1931.  
"'Tis only noble to be good."

MILDRED LOUISE QUAVE (Mill)  
Secretary of Class '31.  
"Just a smile wins a battle."



## Senior High



BENNIE DAYTON ROBINSON

"Never be idle because there is always something to do."

THELMA KENDRICK SHELBY ("Tiny")

Girls' Glee Club. "Kindness doesn't hurt anyone."

EUGENE CHARLES THORNHILL, JR.

Theta Beta Club.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

COMMODORE WADELL WILSON ("Red")

Athletics.

"Life is what you make it."

LAWRENCE ROBERT WILSON ("Duke")

Vice-President of High School League.

"Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

EDGAR HAMILTON ("Stack")

President of High School League.

"An idle mind is the devil's workshop."

### OTHER 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

LAWRENCE LEE

HELEN RUTH WASHINGTON

WILLIE MASON DANDRIDGE, JR.

## Eleventh Grade

ASA ATKINS

"A diligent school-boy."

THADDEUS AUBRY

"The good friend of all."

PAUL BARNES

"An all-around athlete."

JOHNNIE BOYD

"An example of true simplicity."

HERMAN BURRELL

"Fleet of foot."

LAWRENCE CARTER

"Plays every game under the sun:  
Basketball, football, any old one."

LESLIE COLLINS

"Always pleasant."

JAMES DAVIS

"A precocious poet."





## Eleventh Grade



IRIS GARRETT  
"A little earth containing a spark."

WARMOTH GUILLAUME  
"Can't be handicapped."

ROY HAYDEL  
"Quiet and peaceful."

ALMA JACKSON  
"A great dancer."

CLYDE JONES  
"Little 'tis true, but smart, too."

LOIS LaBRANCHE  
"A budding, fragrant fan."

JUANITA MASON  
"Seek, you shall find."

WILMA MILLER  
"Quick tempered, but  
only for a moment."

## Eleventh Grade



HILDA MORRIS  
"Not tall, but reaches her goal."

BERNICE OUBRE  
"An all-around Straightite."

GEORGE PARKER  
"A very good friend."

MARGUERITE RANDOLPH  
"Quiet 'tis true, studious, too."

ANDREW ROBINSON  
"He's always happy."

ELVA THOMPSON  
"A demure young Miss."

SAMMIE SIMMONS  
"Everybody loves her."



## Eleventh Grade



HELEN TURNBULL

"True personality can't be copied."

LAURA TURNBULL

"Music is her ambition."

ENOLA VANCE

"An ambitious Miss."

EDWARD WARREN

"A booster of our team."

### OTHER 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

FLORENCE BENSON  
JEFFERSON PENN      LAURA WILLIAMS

### HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALS

REBECCA BLUNT  
WALTER GUIDRY  
CLARENCE JOHNSON

IDA RICKETTS  
ELVIRA MORGAN  
ORA PIERCE

## Tenth Grade



ALMA CAMPBELL  
"A real sweet smile."

RACHEL CONWAY  
"Quiet and modest."

EMMANUEL COOPER  
"He'll make good on any team."

EDWARD COSTON  
"A big bass voice."

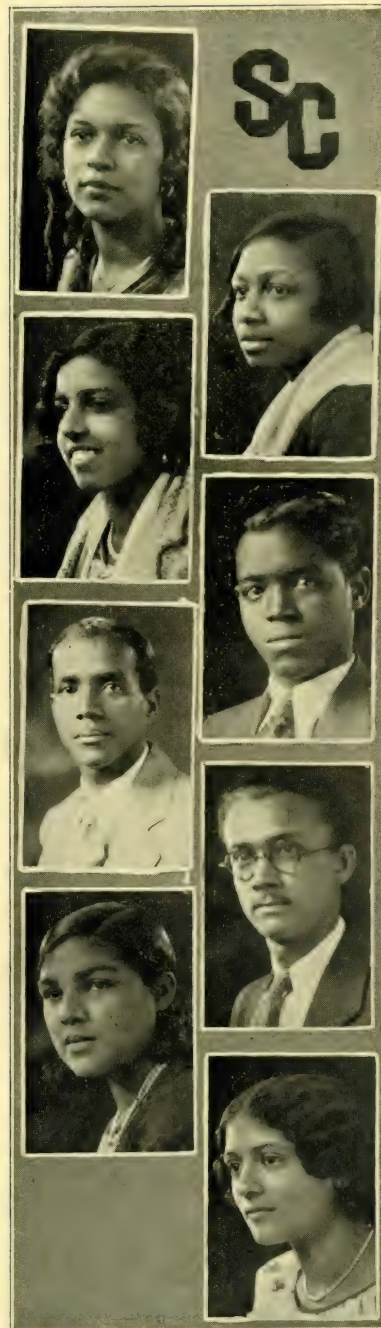
WILHELMINE COSTON  
"Just loves dramatics."

CHARLES DUCRE  
"He knows some things."

MARGIE DURDEN  
"A good student."



## Tenth Grade



MAE GAGNE  
"A tireless little worker."

LAVENIA GREEN  
"Little girl from Algiers."

THELMA GUILLAUME  
"A charming little Miss."

BYRON HAWKINS  
"A good musician."

TIMOTHY HAWKINS  
"Quiet but ready."

JOHN HAYDEL  
"He gets his Latin."

MYRTLE JOHNSON  
"She loves baseball."

MAXWELL KERR  
"Athletically inclined."

## Tenth Grade



CARLOS MOFFATT  
"A fine artist."

RAYMOND PHARR  
"A quiet fellow."

CLARENCE WITCHER  
"He loves athletics."

JOSEPH ROBINSON  
"Quiet and persevering."

GLADYS SHEFFIELD  
"A cute little Miss."

ANNABELLE WHITE  
"A stylish young lady."

JAMES WIGGINS  
"Always grinning."

### OTHER 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

BEATRICE AYO  
HERBERT BUTLER  
GEORGE CALDWELL  
CLARENCE COLLY  
CLAIRE COLLY  
NENETTE WILLIAMS

LEONARD KELLER  
ROBERT LEE  
JOSEPH SMITH  
MELVIN WEEMS  
ETHEL WILLIAMS  
ANNIE WASHINGTON



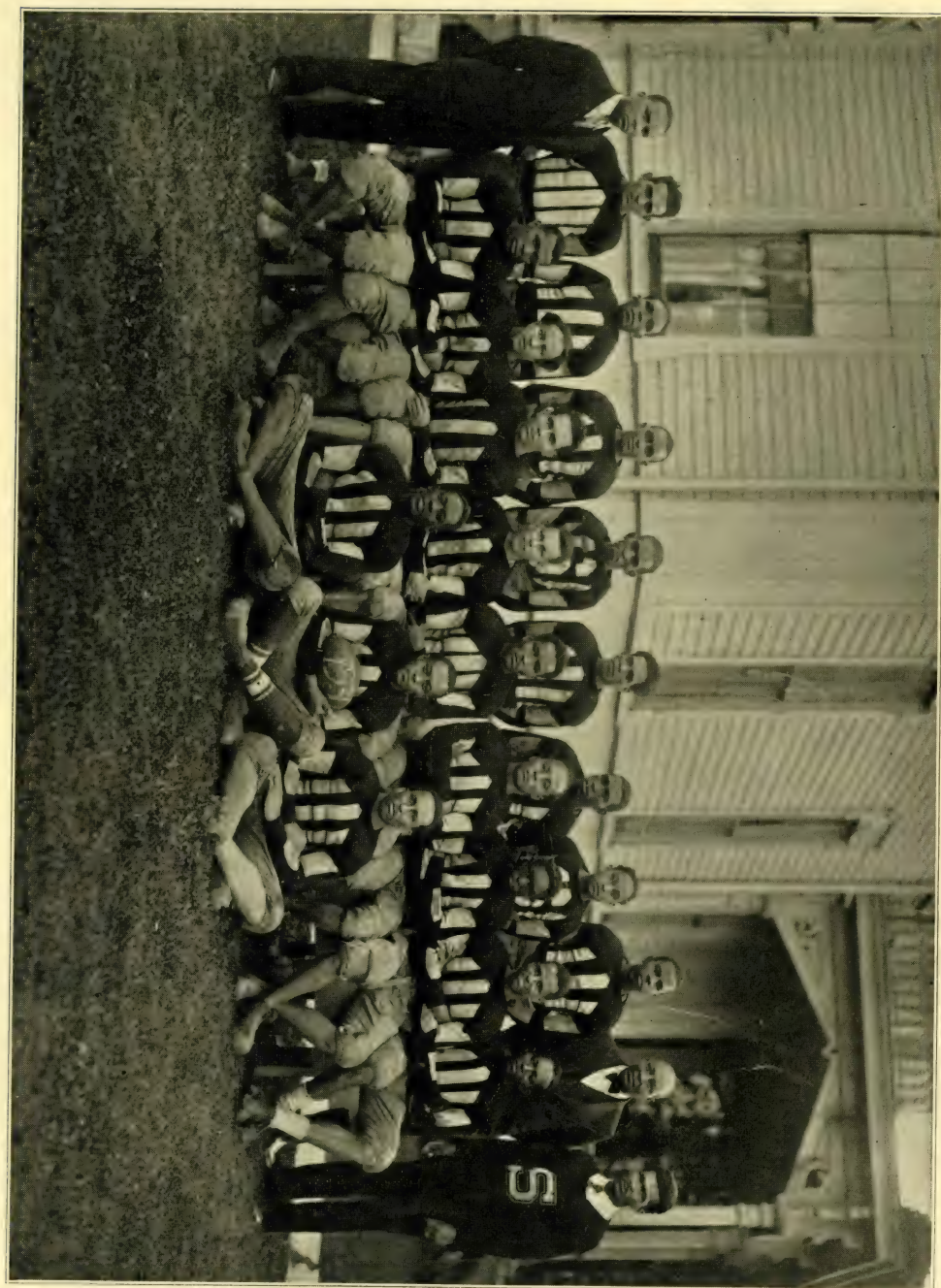


Students of Night School



Junior High School





FOOTBALL TEAM 1930



## ATHLETICS

Candidates for the football team were requested to report for practice on September 18. It was evident that Coach Braden had a tremendous job on hand in trying to replace the several stars who did not return this year.

The season opened with a stubbornly fought battle with Jackson College. Straight was master of the situation and Jackson was defeated 6 to 0. On October 18 Louisiana State Normal invaded "The Tide's" territory with a hefty bunch of lads. The Crimson Tide "took them in camp" to the tune of 6 to 0.

The next game was played against Tougaloo College. Tougaloo presented a well molded team that had been keyed up for this game, so Straight was thrashed soundly, the first time in seven years, to the tune of 37 to 0.

Armistice Day found the mighty Wiley "Cats" invading Straight's territory. This game proved to be a thriller throughout. The Red Channel put one of the greatest defensive games seen in these parts. However, the continual substitution of the reserve strength enabled the "Cats" to wear the "Tide" down, and pile up a large score in the last quarter of play. The game ended 35 to 0 (in favor of Wiley, whew!).

On Thanksgiving Day Straight met Xavier University. This battle was a very hard and stubbornly fought one, filled with thrills galore. In spite of Straight's gallant march in the last quarter, the game ended in a deadlock 0 to 0. Whew!

Old S. C. has always produced a winning team. This season, without doubt, proved to be its worst year in many moons. Straight College has quite a football record to boast of. In its competition with the leading teams of this southern section, the Crimson Tide has lost only four games in four years, including the two defeats at the hands of the Wiley Cats.

### BASKETBALL

A large number of candidates answered the call for practice, but as usual, only the fittest survived to answer the opening whistle. The basketball team did not get a chance to display its abilities and full strength, due to the very limited number of games that were played.

The season opened by Straight dropping a closely contested, hard-fought battle. Only one point separated the two teams. The next game was lost to the New Orleans University Five after a terrific struggle by the two teams. However, the following game found a much improved "five" taking the court. In this game Straight displayed its superiority by decisively defeating Xavier's basketball team.

Members of the team consisted of Capt. R. Weems, Carter, Royal, Barnes, Cherault, McEwen, Gayle, Thornhill, Aubry and Hall.

### TRACK TEAM

On March 16, the candidates for the track team were requested to report to Coach Braden. It was evident from the response that Straight would not produce the crack team that it had in the previous years. Nevertheless the men who did report upheld the honors of S. C. wherever they competed.

The team consisted of such men as "Gully" Carter who did everything from running the 100 yards to pole vaulting; then there was Hen-

derson, truly one of the fastest men in this stretch of the woods. Some of the other members were Johnson, Burrell, E. Robinson, Allen, Taylor, Coleman, C. Franklin, Marquez, Gayle, and Weems, another man who was versatile in a variety of events. Last but not least was Guidry the greatest two-miler around these parts. Guidry always outdistanced his field by far, and sprinted to the finish line.

### TENNIS

Straight College was represented in tennis by a fine group of players. These men could very well hold their own in any field of competition. The members of this team were as follows: Laws, Royal, Thornhill, Hall and Jones.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Coach Braden kept the campus quite active during the year with his physical education classes. The students were divided into a number of classes and competed in different games. This method of playing games instead of going through given routine motions proved to be effective.

#### DYSON (*Captain*)

Dyson was a great leader but a greater fighter. He always cooperated with his team-mates and set the example in anything to be done. "Capt." was always found where the going was rough and was deadly on blocking punts.

#### CARTER (*Guard*)

If there ever was a lover of the game, it was Carter. "Gully," the smashing and crushing guard, will win honors wherever he goes. "Gully" was always in the thickest of the fray. Carter was an artist at leading interference.

#### WALDEN (*Center*)

Walden was a fine passer and great defensive player. He should be commended for his splendid work the whole season without relief. Walden used his fighting spirit and psychology to outwit many opponents.

#### WEEMS (*Fullback*)

Too much cannot be said about "Marg" Weems. "Marg" could run, pass, receive, and do everything that was supposed to be done with a football. Injuries kept "Marg" inactive for quite a time during the year.

#### HENDERSON (*Halfback*)

"Jo-Jo," a fast back who could run and pass with deadly effect. Henderson has proved to be one of the best defensive players seen in these parts. Once "Jo-Jo" got into the open it was too bad for the opponents.

#### WILSON "RED" (*Guard*)

Wilson was a stone wall when it came to blocking up the opposing team's offense. "Red" as usual played well throughout the entire season and always came through when needed most.

#### DUGAS (*Halfback*)

A power on smashing a line. "Duke" could be depended upon to gain the yardage for first-down. "Duke" was great at backing the line and diagnosing the opponents' play as well as being a fine man for leading an interference.

#### STARKS (*Tackle*)

Starks was a tower of strength in the line and should be commended for his play throughout the season. "Teedy" was forever breaking through the line to nail a back before he got started.



BARNES (*End*)

“Handsome” developed into one of the best ends in this section. “Handsome” was always down under punts and was awaiting a smearing play to come around his end. Barnes proved his ability in the Wiley game, when he continued to smear every play that started in his direction.

ROBINSON (*Guard*)

"Benny" was a dependable and conscientious football player who always delivered the goods when called upon. "Benny" frequently blocked two opponents.

MELTON, W. (*Quarterback*)

Melton was a new comer in our midst, but very early showed that he had the fighting stuff in him. "Poly" was a great defensive back and cut down many points by his deadly tackling.

FORD (*End*)

Playing his first year for the "Tide," Ford showed that he was a hard fighter who has wonderful possibilities ahead. Ford played well throughout the season.

MILLS (*Guard*)

Here was a hard worker who gave his best at all times. "Ben" gave a good account of himself in any battle that he entered.

WHITE (*Halfback*)

“Speed” was a fast little halfback who took his football seriously. White offset his lack of weight by his fleetness. “Speed” goes via graduation.

CAMILLE (*End*)

Camille was a hard and tough scrapper at all times. Camille should develop into a good end.

WILSON, L. (*Halfback*)

Wilson was a fine line plunger and a great defensive player back. His sure hard tackling was a treat.

MELTON, E. (*Fullback*)

"Spade" was a wonderful punter and a fine receiver of passes. Injuries kept "Spade" out of the game for quite a time during the year.

JONES (End)

Jones was a hard fighter to the last minute. He was fast going down under punts and was a fine pass receiver.

DENIS (*Tackle*)

A sturdy hard fighter that never gives up an inch of ground without a hard struggle.

JOHNSON (*Tackle*)

Johnson, a fast man, was called upon to fill a variety of positions. Johnson should have a great year next season.

HALL (Center)

Although he did not see much service, Hall showed that he had the fighting spirit.

MOUTON (*Halfback*)

Mouton, although light and inexperienced, may develop into a fine little player.

## LAWS (*Tackle*)

Here is a hard fighter with a fine co-operative spirit.

CHERAULT (*End*)

Jimmie showed fighting spirit on his first year out.

PENN (*Tackle*)

Penn was a hard worker the whole season.





WE dedicate this page to the unnumbered  
and unnamed heroic souls who sowed that  
we might reap. Straight it was. Straight it  
is. Straight it will be.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess Austin







## ORGANIZATIONS

Our musical organizations contribute largely towards the maintenance of our high scholastic standards. During the month of January this department was the guest of the New Orleans Jubilee Club which broadcasted over station WWL.

### GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee Club is composed of young ladies from both the college and high school departments. They have contributed in no small degree to the musical services of the college.

### YOUNG MEN'S OCTETTE

The Octette is composed of Messrs. L. Wallace and C. Smith, first tenor; J. Henderson and L. Carter, second tenor; J. Carlyle and W. Landry, baritone; and O. Conway and C. Dyson, bass. The octette is an indispensable part of the college life. Quite often they have ably represented the school at conventions, meetings, etc.

### GIRLS' SEXTETTE

The Girls' Sextette is composed of Misses Todd, Johnson, Quave, soprano; and Misses Chenier, Steen, and Herod, alto. Throughout the school year the music department is called upon to give programs in the city. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Loder this organization along with the Young Men's Octette, and Girls' Glee Club have made quite a name throughout the city and state.





#### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CHOIR

The College Choir is composed of students and professors under the direction of Mrs. Rose Smith Loder as chorister and Miss Bertha Bigney accompanist. This organization contributes a great part towards the successful attempts on the part of the administration to give to its student body a non-sectarian service.



#### College Orchestra

We had been looking forward towards the organization of an orchestra in Straight College since the opening of school in September, 1920, but it was not until February that the orchestra was actually organized. Very few of the older students of Straight College, if any, know all the odds against which we struggled to keep the orchestra going. Miss Bigney, our director, has given her assistance and guidance in whatever way she could, and to her the members of the orchestra in particular, as well as the whole school, are indebted.





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The Y. M. C. A. aims to foster the religious side of college life. We can accomplish this only through co-operation. We are looking forward to a bigger and better group next year.

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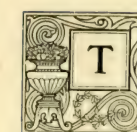
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THE STAFF of the initial edition of the *Crimson Tide* extends to you greetings. We have put forth our efforts in an attempt to give to you a work that will add to your store of memories of our Alma Mater. We appreciate the co-operation shown by our student body, alumni, and friends.

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There has been a variety of meetings, faculty speakers, students' expression, musical programs and dramatics. Under the auspices of the dramatic committee a one act play "A Case of Suspension" was staged.

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The Theta Beta Literary Club is an honor organization of the Senior High School. The membership of the Theta Beta is made up of students who have, at the end of their 11th year, an average of 80 per cent or above. This average must be maintained to remain in the Club. The Club is under the direct supervision of Miss Beatrice E. West, the head of the High School English Department.



### CLUBS

On our campus we find clubs with a variety of objectives. These organizations afford opportunity for valuable training.

#### THE COLLEGE LEAGUE

The College League is composed of the entire college student body. The executive power of this organization is placed in the hands of the College Council which has representatives from each class. Under the administration of our late president, Dr. J. P. O'Brien, a great deal of student responsibility was turned over to this League. Through the thoughtful guidance of the people in charge the league has become an inseparable part of the college, acting as a student representative in the college government program.

#### MONGOOSE SOCIAL CLUB

This club is purely social in its functioning. It is one of the oldest on the campus carrying a very large membership.

#### STRAIGHT COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Straight College Sunday School is composed of the students on the campus, divided into high school and college discussion groups. Under the direction of the student superintendent and his faculty advisor, the work of biblical education has given opportunity for the development of a phase of our life not otherwise supplied. It is the aim of the Sunday School to promote student interest in religious problems. To that end the class discussions of biblical stories have been based on the relationship to Sociology. Varied programs rendered by students and outside speakers have given added interest to the opening exercises.

#### DRAMATICS

An outgrowth of the college league is the Straight College Dramatic Division. It is the business of this division to present at least two well worked out dramas each school year. However, this year it was thought advisable that in order to assist the alumni with the *Thirteenth Chair*, the one play should be given. May 8 brought this presentation of *Clarence* by Booth Tarkington. It was greeted with an overwhelming success thanks to the untiring efforts of Misses Sparrow and West. A very able cast handled this drama to the approval of all. Personnel of the cast: L. Allen, M. Vining, H. McEwen, Victor Jones, J. Bechet, V. Evans, A. Lavizzo, H. Norris, M. Le Beouf, T. Seraile. Mr. C. Smith is chairman of the Dramatic Division.

#### STRAIGHT COLLEGE DEBATING CLUB

This club affords to college students an excellent opportunity for training in public speaking. Under the guidance of Miss Hansen this newly organized club is making strides towards the accomplishment of a valuable program.

#### SOCIOLOGY CLUB

In life we find ourselves confronted with serious problems in our social order. One of the main objectives of this club is to give to its members a preliminary training or insight into the problems which they will soon need to face.

#### LES ALIBAMOUTS

This club is composed of the students coming from the State of Alabama. Throughout the year they have taken an active part in helping the College League put over its program. One of their slogans is, "Help us to help you to put over that which you are attempting to do."

## Our Alumni

Our Crimson Tide would be incomplete without a section devoted to those who have bestowed honor upon their Alma Mater by the application of her principles and teachings to the problems of daily life.

All our Alumni have proved their loyalty. The spirit of co-operation which characterized them as students has carried over after graduation and has manifested itself in ready response whenever S. C. has sent out an S. O. S.

Manifestly it will be impossible to mention all who deserve a place in these pages. We have space for only a few. But to the many whose names or faces do not appear in this issue may we address this word of appreciation of their "plain devotedness to duty" which will so surely count toward the making of a better world.





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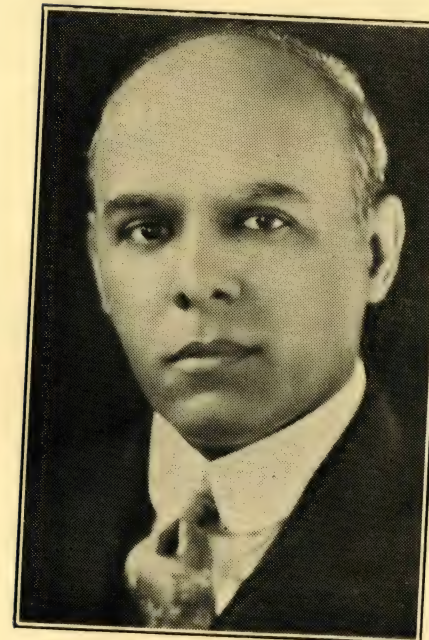
Judge James Cobb was born in Arcadia, Louisiana, in 1876. He is a graduate of Straight College, Fisk University, Howard University. He has degrees of L. L. B.; Pd. B.; L. L. M. He is Assistant United States Attorney, District of Columbia. He is Assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, and is Judge of the Municipal Court of District of Columbia. Judge Cobb is the Vice Dean of Howard University School of Law. He has handled more cases in Supreme Court of the United States than any other Negro lawyer in private practice. He is on the legal staff of the N. A. A. C. P., National office. He is the Director of Prudential Bank, Washington. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1920 and alternate delegate in 1924. Judge Cobb is professor of Constitutional Law and Negotiable Instruments at Howard University School of Law, and the only negro teaching Constitutional Law in a recognized law college. Judge Cobb is a bachelor.



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## Medicine

Dr. Lawrence Blanchet of Chicago, carried the Straight spirit to his new home. He organized a Straight Branch in Chicago, which from time to time sends money to Straight for student aid.

After graduation from the Straight College Preparatory Department in 1900, Dr. Blanchet was employed in Civil Service in New Orleans. Then he studied medicine in Flint Goodridge Hospital, and later for two or three years in Northwestern University. Before he began his independent practice, he was Interne in Providence Hospital in Chicago, and later instructor in the same hospital.

Aside from his medical practice, Dr. Blanchet has many civic and church interests. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old People's Home in Chicago. His active church work began in Central Church in New Orleans. In Chicago he was instrumental in organizing the Congregational Church of the Good Shepherd, of which he is now head of the Board of Deacons. Throughout the past winter this church has been serving meals in its basement daily to about 275 people. Each child in the large Sunday School brings a potato, an onion, or a few beans, and in such manner all the food is given. The people who receive the food prepare it, since some of the unemployed are cooks, waiters, and dishwashers. This co-operative plan is indicative of the spirit of the church in which Dr. Blanchet is vitally interested.

Dr. Leonidas T. Burbidge was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, October 25, 1870. He attended Straight College from 1880 to 1889 graduating May 31 of that year. He attended Meharry Medical College from 1890 to 1893, graduating Feb. 7, 1893. Dr. Burbidge has been a successful physician for 38 years. He is chairman of Board of Trustees of Straight College, President of Louisiana Industrial Life Insurance Co., President of National Association of Negro Insurance Companies.

Dr. E. Charles Thornhill received his academic training at Straight, first in Daniel Hand School, and then in the College Preparatory Department, from which he was graduated in 1902. He entered Flint Medical College, attending school by day and working at night. He was graduated from Flint Medical College in 1909, but continued in Civil Service until 1911, when he gave all of his time to medical practice. He pursued his graduate studies at Rush Medical College.

Dr. Thornhill is a member of the board of trustees of Straight College. He has served as President of the Alumni Association. He is often on the campus and, busy as he is, often finds his way to Straight's side-lines at football games and acts as the "medicine man."

Dr. J. H. Murray graduated from Straight in 1901. He is a practicing physician in the city and recently took an important part in the Alumni-student-aid drive.

Dr. E. J. LaBranche was graduated from Straight College in 1902. He attended Meharry Pharmaceutical College, graduating from that institution in 1905. Soon thereafter he opened his drug store in New Orleans. In 1909 he was married to Miss Gertrude Blanchet, also a graduate of Straight.

Dr. LaBranche is a member of the Y. M. C. A. board, a trustee of Straight College, a trustee of Dillard University, a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias and other organizations. He has also served as chairman of the Colored division for the Community Chest. In various ways he has demonstrated his abilities as a leader. He has been one of the foremost and most active in any movement for the progress of his Alma Mater. Mrs. Blanchet was formerly Miss Hattie Leonard, a Straight student. They have four children.

## Education



MISS FANNIE C. WILLIAMS

Miss Williams is an outstanding alumna of Straight College. She is principal of the new Valena C. Jones School. In 1930 she was unanimously elected to succeed Dr. Mordecai Johnson as president of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools. Miss Williams is also a member of the advisory committee on Negro Education under Dr. Ambrose Caliver. She holds other important positions, evidences of her qualities as a teacher and leader, of whom her Alma Mater may well be proud.





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Hon. C. H. McGruder of Houston, Texas, is one of the most loyal alumni of Straight. He received his A. B. from Straight College in 1900. Upon graduation he became Principal of the High School in Victoria, Texas, where he continued about fifteen years. While still in educational work, he became Secretary of the United Brothers of Friendship. The work of this fraternal organization made increasing demands upon his time, until finally he resigned his school work in order that he might promote the U. B. F. more effectively. The U. B. F. is now one of the leading fraternal organizations in Texas, with headquarters in Houston, where they own a large and valuable property. Among the activities of the U. B. F. is the loaning of money at a low rate of interest to struggling Negro Churches, and to individuals for financing their homes.

Mr. McGruder is active in the church, both in state conference and in local work. In his Houston church he is Superintendent of the Sunday School and Director of the Choir, and his wife is organist. Mrs. McGruder, formerly Miss Nelly Donats, received her academic and musical education at Straight College. They have five children.

Mr. McGruder is actively interested in various civic enterprises. Chief of these at present are a welfare organization that is aiding the unemployed, and the Cullingham Hospital, of whose board of directors he is a member.

## FEATURES





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